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IMAGERY INFORMATION REPORT

445D FITTING-OUT, NIKOLAYEV SHIPYARD
NORTHERN 61 KOMMUNA 445, USSR (S)

(S/WNINTEL) [] the 445D at Nikolayev Shipyard 445 was seen to have the construction characteristics of a naval auxiliary that will probably serve as a repair ship or a tender.

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(TSR) []
[] The superstructure of the vessel contained up to five deck levels.

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(TSR) An incomplete large gantry or crane assembly, []
[] was amidships. []
This assembly was [] above the main deck. Additionally, the assembly was above what appear to be several openings into the lower deck.

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(TSR) The ship also has several elevated mounts for probable crane bases. Two of these are immediately in front of the probable helicopter hangar. This bilevel helicopter hangar [] A raised helicopter landing platform, [] is immediately aft of the hangar.

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(S/WNINTEL) The internal configuration of the ship allows for the presence of shop spaces. This, added to the amount of superstructure, gives the 445D a considerable amount of shop and crew space.

(S/WNINTEL) The slow-speed hull form, the absence of large cargo holds, and the scarcity of weapons positions further indicate that this is a tender or repair ship rather than a fleet logistics or replenishment vessel.

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